

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 965

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach George Quarles and the Maryville High School football team on capturing the TSSAA Class 4A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach George Quarles, the Maryville High School football team is one such commendable team that achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007 season, as it posted fifteen victories with no losses and won its fourth consecutive Class 4A State Championship on December 8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Maryville Rebels stormed their playoff opponents, prevailing over the powerhouse teams of Rhea County (42-18), Knoxville West (17-9), Red Bank (52-20), and Sullivan South (48-21) in an unstoppable onslaught that led them to the state championship game in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, the Rebels completed their phenomenal season by defeating the Maplewood Panthers at the BlueCross Bowl by the score of 28-13, thereby capturing the team's fourth consecutive state football championship and its eleventh title overall, setting a state record; and

WHEREAS, this season continued a legendary streak in which the Rebels have won sixty consecutive games, making them the first school in Tennessee history to finish four successive seasons with a perfect record; and

WHEREAS, George Quarles improved upon his already impressive record as head coach of the Rebels, winning his seventh title in nine years with the team; and

WHEREAS, this herculean effort was led by the outstanding individual performances of BlueCross Bowl Class 4A Offensive MVP Brent Burnette, who led the way for the Rebel attack with 222 passing yards and two touchdowns; Chris Jordan, who had three receptions and two touchdowns; and Thomas Shuler, who led the team in rushing with 116 yards; and

WHEREAS, Maryville's explosive offense amassed an incredible 529 points during its fifteen game season, an average of 35.3 points per game, with 187 of those points scored in the postseason; and

WHEREAS, Maryville's stalwart defense allowed its opponents to score only 199 points throughout the season, an average of 13.3 points per game; and

WHEREAS, the members of this talented team were Sam Anderson, Dylan Beets, Edward Beilstein, Gabriel Bivens, Jeffrey Booker, Dakota Boring, Jamal Brazan, Lee Bristol, Brent Burnette, Andrew Burns, Ross Bustin, Austin Canfield, Joshua Cantwell, Aaron Chamberlain, Eric Chamberlain, Caleb Clement, Tyler Clendenen, Greg Colquitt, Nick Coode, Brad Coulter, Clint Cox, Luke Cox, Matt DeClercq, Aaron Douglas, Marcus Engelhardt, Dakota Fitzsimmons, Jordan Gibson, Shawn Grant, Broughton Greene, Jordan Haisne, Kody Harris, Derek Headrick, Brad Heath, Matt Hendrix, Todd Hollingsworth, Desmond Horne, Hunter Johnson, Buddy Jones, Jonathan Jones, Chris Jordan, Phillip Juhlin, Laken Kimsey, Will Lairamore, Clarence Langley, Jeremy Locke, Robbie Long, Cole Loveday, Tyler Martin, Cody McCoy, Dane McCoy, Angus McGill, Jared Miller, Zach Mobius, Tyler Morton, Tucker Munns, Dillion Murphy, Cody Norton, Tevin Owsley, Kevin Parton, Hayden Pewitt, Jordan Queener, Bobby Quinn, Matt Ramsey, Joshua Richards, Tim Rodrigues, Stian Romberg, Casey Ryding, Jeremy Sands, Zach Sharp, Stephen Shiver, Thomas Shuler, Zach Skipworth, Justin Smith, Bryan Steverson, Taylor Stinnett, Josh Sullivan, Jamie Talley, Brandon Tedford, Mason Trendera, Will Trendera, Ryan Trentham, Brett Wadham, Brian Ward, Taylor Watson, Kieran Webb, Jimmy Webber, Caleb West, Tim Weston, Caleb Wheeler, Tommy Wilkinson, Zane Winders, J.P. Woodbury, Shawn Wyatt, and Mark Young; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of athletes not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the members of the Maryville High School football team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach George Quarles and the 2007 Maryville High School football team on winning the 2007 TSSAA Class 4A State Football Title.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.